**Terming murder as suicide by Delhi Police**

2931. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article "Court summons cops in murder case" appeared in The Hindustan Times on August 10, 2002;

(b) whether this is a common practice by the Delhi Police to term murder as suicide in their preliminary investigation in order to lessen their work-load;

(c) if so, the details of such cases in Delhi where such practices have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(d) the reaction of Government to the above mentioned case and the similar cases reported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The order passed by the Court of the Learned Metropolitan Magistrate has, however, been challenged before the High Court of Delhi and the matter is sub-judice. There has been no other instance of similar nature brought to the notice of Delhi Police in the recent past.

(d) The police officials are duty bound to conduct investigation in a fair, objective and proper manner and if any lapse is detected, the delinquent police officials are suitably punished.

**Road accidents in Delhi**

2932. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of road accidents in NCT of Delhi has increased during the last one year causing death and grievous injuries to the victims;

(b) if so, how many accidents have taken place/reported during the last one year; and

(c) whether Government have tried to find out the reasons for such accidents which have generally occured at night and if not, the reasons therefor?